Safty to Progressive Young Lovers

†1426. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that caste and religious fundamentalism has risen to such an extent in the country that lovers duo who go for inter-caste and inter-religion marriages are openly killed;

(b) whether Government would make any arrangement to provide safety to such progressive young lovers; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Some isolated incidents of attack have been reported in the media. However, the situation is not so serious.

(b) and (c) Public Order and Police are State Subjects as per the Constitution of India and the State Governments are primarily concerned with the maintenance of law and order. The Union Government, *inter-alia*, shares such information which has a bearing on Communal Harmony, with the concerned State Governments to enable them to take appropriate action.

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